

EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

A Celebration of Children's Learning in Norfolk's Primary Schools

15 to 19 March 2005

Events at The Forum in Norwich

From Tuesday 15th March through to Saturday 19th March The Forum in Norwich will be the venue for displays, demonstrations and performances of the work of Norfolk's schools. Other organisations involved in learning partnerships with the county's primary schools will also be represented.

Each day's activities will be centred around a general theme. The day's activities will be organised by a coordinator for each theme.

■ Tuesday 15th March Coordinator:	Investigative learning/thinking skills John Harris
■ Wednesday 16th March Coordinator:	PSHE/citizenship Rosemary Games
■ Thursday 17th March Coordinator:	Bio-diversity/the environment Sue Falche-Lovesey
■ Friday 18th March Coordinator:	Communication Anna McCarthy
■ Saturday 19th March Coordinator:	Creativity Chris Hemmings



Clearly, there are many areas of overlap between the themes but the following points might help you to think of the **areas where your school could make a contribution**. You will be able to think of many others!

Investigative learning/thinking skills

- Brain gym
- Enquiry drama
- Philosophy with children
- Learning styles
- Using music to stimulate thinking
- Children understanding how their brain works

And...

PSHE/citizenship

- Playgrounds projects, playground buddies, peer mediation
- School council, circle time
- Parachute games, work with puppets
- Global citizenship - links with schools abroad
- Parental involvement, links with the community
- Activities related to Healthy Schools involvement
- Enrichment activities e.g. school visits, visitors to school etc.

And...

Bio-diversity/the environment

- Energy investigations with ICT - mini turbines and renewables
- Debate through drama and role play - forum theatre - as a tool for development with sustainability issues
- Links with other countries in connection with Education for Sustainable Development

And...

Communication

- Through the spoken and written word
- Through mathematics
- Through ICT
- Through modern foreign languages
- Through movement/mime/body language
- Through the use of Braille/British Sign Language

And...

Creativity

- Through the arts
- Through experimental work across the curriculum
- Through work with artists, writers, architects, scientists, other visitors to the school
- Through children's involvement in 'real life' problem solving in the life of the school
- Through links with community projects

And...

Ideas for early years contributions

Performance

- Street/ playground games and action rhymes
- Dance related to cultural festivals e.g. Chinese dragon dance



How can schools contribute to events at The Forum?

On each day there will be opportunities for schools to stage an example of their work at The Forum, such as a **performance** or **demonstration**.

There will be four such activities each day – at 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 and 2.00 – with schools from all areas of the county taking part.

Each activity will:

- relate directly to one of the themes for each day;
- demonstrate children learning in active ways;
- be about 15 to 20 minutes long;
- be able to be staged in an open space at The Forum.

Funding will be available for transport and other costs, including supply cover.

- If you would like to **discuss your ideas** for your performance or demonstration, please contact the appropriate theme coordinator, or Roger Eagle on 01603 433276.
- Please complete the **appropriate form** if you would like your school to stage one of these activities and return by **Friday 17th December 2004** to: Sarah Wait, Norfolk Education Advisory Services, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, NORWICH NR7 9QL.

In addition, each day there will be **displays of work from schools across the county** relating to the theme for the day. We hope to have a rich and diverse range of work from a large number of schools. The theme coordinators will organise the displays and will liaise with schools to ensure that the children's work is presented to the best possible effect.

- If you would like to **discuss your ideas** for your contributions, please contact the appropriate theme coordinator, or Roger Eagle on 01603 433276.
- Please complete the appropriate form if you would like to contribute to the displays for one or more of the themes and return by **Friday 17th December 2004** to: Sarah Wait, Norfolk Education Advisory Services, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, NORWICH NR7 9QL.

Ideas for contributions

Some ideas of ways in which schools might contribute displays, demonstrations and performances for each theme include:

- Dance, drama, music or PE presentations
- Playground or parachute games
- Investigative activities in action
- Written work – collections of creative writing or accounts of activities/projects
- Visual images in a range of media
- 2 and 3 dimensional models – made or in production
- Digital photographs or video

Activity

- Role play area - this would have to be a feature of the permanent display as it would take time to set up
- Story sacks - story boxes in use
- Interactive maths games

Display

- Digital photos which sequence work (e.g. large construction work with big bricks) with captions which capture what children said
- Representational work which links, for example, to creativity or to biodiversity

We look forward to hearing about the exciting, high quality work going on in your school. The theme coordinators will contact you early next term to discuss your proposals. If you would like to discuss anything further at this stage, please contact Roger Eagle on 01603 433276.

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8 November 2004

Dear Headteacher

EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

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I am writing to encourage you to be part of this major celebration of the work of children and teachers in Norfolk's primary schools.

Why Celebrate?

There is so much excellent work going on in Norfolk's schools that deserves far wider recognition than it currently receives. Successful practice deserves not only a wider audience but a higher profile with the general public. The main purposes of 'EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY' are:

- to acknowledge and share the wide range of excellent practice found in Norfolk's schools, and;
- to bring this to a wider audience and improve the public's knowledge and understanding of primary education.

How can schools contribute?

The celebration will take place at three levels: **county**, **area** and **school**.

County events

From Tuesday 15th March to Saturday 19th March The Forum in Norwich will be the venue for displays, demonstrations and performances of the work of Norfolk's schools.

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| • Wednesday 16th March | PSHE/citizenship |
| • Thursday 17th March | Bio-diversity/the environment |
| • Friday 18th March | Communication |
| • Saturday 19th March | Creativity |

How can schools take part in events at the Forum?

- Each day there will be opportunities for schools from all parts of the county to stage an example of their work at The Forum, such as a performance or demonstration of excellent, creative or innovative practice.
- In addition, each day, there will be displays of work from schools relating to the theme for the day.

Please see the attached details for more information about how your school can contribute to events at The Forum.

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Area events

Each of the four areas of the county – Central, North, South and East and West will be organising events of their own. A steering group of advisers and headteachers will coordinate activities in each area. If you would like to discuss any ideas, please contact the following colleagues:

• Central	John Harris Sue Eagle	Norfolk Education Advisory Services Tuckswood First School
• North	Maggie Broad Clare Fletcher	Norfolk Education Advisory Services North Walsham Infant School
• South & East	Julie Westrop Helen Banks	Norfolk Education Advisory Services Acle Primary School
• West	Chris Hemmings Carolyn Howard	Norfolk Education Advisory Services Tilney All Saints Primary School

How can schools take part in area events?

Area events will take place at a central venue in each area of the county. The steering group for your area will be in touch with you shortly to let you know how your school can participate.

School events

What can schools do in their own communities?

Our hope is that all schools will contribute to EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY in some way. Over the course of the five days we hope that every school will host a community event to share some aspect of their work with a wider audience. A few ideas already suggested include:

- 'Bring your mum or dad/carer to school' day
- Share a lesson with your mum/dad/carer/grandparent
- Invite parents/the community in to displays of work
- Displays of work in local library, community centre, shopping centre ...

You will be able to think of many other ways of helping your local community understand how teachers and children are working together successfully and achieving high standards in your school. We will ask you to let us know in advance what you are doing, so that we can publish a booklet celebrating and listing everything that is going on.

Finally...

This is an exciting opportunity to share all that is best about primary education in Norfolk. We hope that all schools will contribute to this celebration so that we can achieve our aims of raising the profile of primary education in Norfolk and helping the public understand more about the high quality work of our children and teachers.

We look forward to hearing about your ideas and working with you.

Yours sincerely



Roger Eagle
Senior Primary Adviser
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PRESENTATIONS AT THE FORUM

We wish to make a presentation at The Forum

School

Headteacher

Contact Teacher

Theme (delete as appropriate) *Investigative learning/thinking skills *PSHE/citizenship
*Bio-diversity/the environment *Communication *Creativity

Numbers of adults involved Numbers of children involved

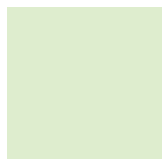
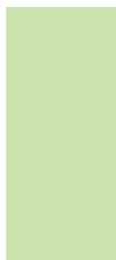
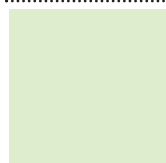
Brief description of presentation:

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DISPLAY OF WORK AT THE FORUM

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School

Headteacher

Contact Teacher

Theme (delete as appropriate) *Investigative learning/thinking skills *PSHE/citizenship
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Brief description of work to be contributed:

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